

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a television-based system, a method comprising:
  - receiving at a set top box video information transmitted from a source, the video information including a plurality of page images and meta-data associated with the page images;
  - detecting at the set-top box a user request to display one of the plurality of page images;
  - selecting a page image based on the user request;
  - outputting video signals representing the selected page image from the set-top box, the meta-data associated with the page image identifying an active input location on the page image;
  - controlling an on-screen display mechanism in the set-top-box to interact with the user and receive user entered data at the active input location; and
  - communicating the user entered data from the set-top box to a remote computer.